

*Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2*

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Helping The Hungry-- What We Are Doing

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In the last few years it has been fun to see the unique ways the Holy Spirit has been at work in our congregations helping families living in poverty and hunger through gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Each congregation is different in its approach.

Each summer Bethlehem Lutheran in Marysville grows flowers and vegetables and then sells them in the Narthex on Sunday or at the local farmers market with proceeds donated to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

The youth in a number of our congregations find fun ways to help the poor by joining in the "Souper Bowl of Caring". In some congregations the donated food goes to the local food bank and the dollars to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Gift of Grace in Seattle asked members to donate used books. The books were then sold at the congregation or at a local fair with proceeds given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Advent Lutheran & Oak Harbor Lutheran are examples of congregations that sell Fair Trade products (coffee, tea, & chocolate) with the proceeds going to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

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Helping The Hungry

Hunger on their offering envelopes, includes monthly articles in the congregation newsletter, and has a different hunger education emphasis each year.

Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood has chosen to focus on a specific hunger project. Other congregations use the Open a World of Possibilities Sunday School programs to teach their children about hunger and how they can make a difference. And still others place large empty jars by the coffee pots where parishioners can drop their change to help the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

As you can see there are many ways that you and your congregation can make a difference and support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The current goal of the World Hunger Committee is to encourage each confirmed member in our synod to give at least \$2.50 each month to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. If you would like to plan an ELCA World Hunger Appeal fund raising event but need help, then please contact the Synod World Hunger Committee.

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“If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

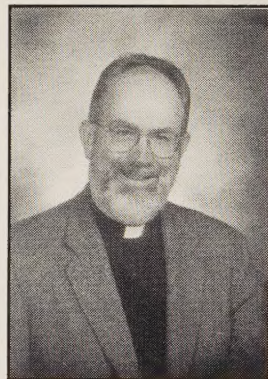
A Word From The Bishop

Bishop Mark Hanson began this year's Bishops' Academy with a sermon that questioned the use and role of confession in our weekly community worship. He noted that there were those who questioned if such confessions were *too negative* for people who want to feel good about coming to church. That is an over-generalization of several good points that our bishop was saying, but it did point to what I perceive to be the diminished role of confession in our life together.

Part of the problem is the lack of accountability we feel to each other in our life together. Our life together in the church is the result of the Holy Spirit's gift of faith and daily support from the same Spirit in the work of sanctification in us. We are all too aware that we are captives to sin in our individual lives and our community life. I know that my sin has hurt individuals and hurt the church. It is because of this truth that I need to hear the word of absolution and to trust that this word is the Word of Life from God for me and you.

Perhaps the problem comes from our false belief that people will think less of us if we speak our confession. I notice that it is very difficult to get participants in congregational conflict to talk about their roles, their sin, in the conflict. Without this recognition and repentance, we will only continue to damage each other and the whole church by our defensive response to criticism that should serve to call us to confession.

I am not suggesting that we beat ourselves up or be beaten up by others. I am saying that we need to speak of the real power of the cross in giving us new life through the forgiveness of our sin, private and corporate. It is life giving, not negative. It is the word of God to our self-indulgent generation.



The Reverend
Chris Boerger

The Northwest Washington 2006 Synod Assembly will take place on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th Street SW, Lynnwood. The theme will be Global Mission and World Hunger. Keynote speaker for this year's Assembly is the Reverend Howard (Howie) Wennes. For more information, please visit the Synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on the link (2006 Synod Assembly) on the right side of the page.

Synod News

One-Day Bishop Convo

A one-day Bishop Convo will be held on Thursday, March 16, at First Lutheran Church in Bothell. Keynote speaker is Red Burchfield who will be sharing information about the importance of outreach.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with worship beginning at 9 a.m. The Convo will end at 3 p.m.

Cost is \$18 for active rostered personnel and \$15 for retired. The cost of the event includes lunch.

Registration information will be sent to you by mail by the first week in February. Registration forms will also be available on the synod's website at that time.

2006 Synod Assembly Information

Nominations

The 2006 Synod Assembly will elect persons to serve in the capacities of: Synod Vice President, Synod Secretary, Synod Council and 2007 Churchwide Assembly. A nomination form is available on the synod website. Reproduce the form and make it available to qualified people.

Deadlines for the nominations are as follows:

- ♦ March 1—All nominations must be submitted to the synod office
- ♦ March 18—The synod council will receive the committee's report
- ♦ April 2—Congregations will receive the nominations report

If you have questions concerning the process or details of the positions, please contact Kim Unti, nominations committee chair, at kim.unti@comcast.net; 425-226-2420 (day); or 425-271-5914 (evening).

Reference and Counsel

Any resolutions to be considered by the 2006 Synod Assembly shall be received in the office of the chairperson of the Reference and Counsel Committee by March 1, 2006, unless the Synod Council or the Reference and Counsel Committee determines that it is consistent with provisions of the Standing Rules adopted by the Synod Assembly for consideration.

The Resolution form can be found on the Synod website at: www.lutheransnw.org/news/Assembly2006/ResolutionForm.pdf.

If anyone would like to submit a resolution to the Assembly, but needs information or help in drafting their resolution, please email me with your questions. A member of the committee will be more than happy to help you in your endeavor. For more information please contact: Rev. Christopher D. Berry, chair, revrefcdberry@comcast.net.

In December the Northwest Washington Synod received confirmation that it was one of 32 ELCA organizations to receive a Thrivent Financial Charitable Gifting Initiative grant. The Northwest Washington Synod will receive \$100,000.

The grant, part of the Thrivent Financial's \$4.9 million Charitable Giving Initiative, will be used to train, support and coach rostered leaders and lay leaders in financial stewardship as a part of faith formation. The goal is that these participants will then be able to provide ongoing leadership to the synod's congregations and its members.

"We are very excited that Thrivent Financial felt that our grant application's goal was worthy of support," said Bishop Chris Boerger. "This project seeks to invigorate the evangelical outreach of the ELCA community in our synod by developing the leadership that will invest financially in the mission of the church."

We strongly believe that this gift will help Northwest Washington Synod establish a stronger foundation for its work," said Brad Hewitt, Thrivent Financial senior vice president of charitable outreach. "As people learn how to improve their resource management, we believe they will increasingly become motivated to support the Northwest Washington Synod's ministries through charitable gifting options. The entire community will benefit from this initiative."

Last year, organizations receiving funding through Thrivent Financial's Charitable Gifting Initiative leveraged our \$4.5 million in grants into a projected \$180 million in immediate or deferred monetary gifts," said Hewitt. "It is our hope that the Northwest Washington Synod will have similar success in leveraging this seed money to form a stronger foundation for its future.

The Thrivent Financial grants ranged in size from \$5,000 to \$100,000 for charitable gifting initiatives this year. Thrivent Financial awarded a total of \$2 million to ELCA organizations.

Synod Receives Grant From Thrivent Financial

The Northwest Washington Synod has a website that is full of information, news and events. Check out the Calendar for upcoming events (or even add your congregation's event). It's fun and easy to do. See how we are reaching out to others at www.lutheransnw.org.

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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Greetings Advocates.

During the month of February the state legislature will be in session. I also hope that by this time you have responded with your R.S.V.P. for our Lutheran Advocacy Day on Thursday, Feb. 9. (There is still time for you to respond.) Lutheran Advocacy Day is a time when you and others from your congregation can join with Lutherans and their friends from other parts of our state to be the Public Church in Action. Please invite your colleagues and friends from other churches as they are welcome too. Please let us know if you want us to setup a meeting with one or more of your three state legislators as they have extremely busy schedules when in session. We can also do child care if needed. We just need to know as soon as possible.

I am writing this article before the session begins, but the following list includes some of the critical issues we ask you to support:

- ♦ Increase funding (\$2 million) for school breakfast program
- ♦ Increase Childcare Reimbursement for low-income households
- ♦ Increase Funding for Children's Health Program (immigrant kids)
- ♦ Support *Fair Share* bill – which is an employer (with 5,000 or more employees) mandate for health care coverage (no less than 7 percent of business payroll)
- ♦ Support an electronic waste bill that will setup a statewide recycling program (to be funded by manufacturers).
- ♦ Support funding for the BIO AG (biologically intensive organic) program at WSU

You can communicate that support to your three state legislators by using the state toll free hot line at 1-800-562-6000 (from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), or by email (legislator's last name or first eight letters, dot, first name, @leg.wa.gov).

During February Lutheran Public Policy and the Washington Association of Churches hope to be having legislative briefings and advocacy forums in Yakima, Bellingham and Vancouver. As always, the LPPO seminary intern and myself want to come to your congregation on a Sunday for an advocacy *teach & preach*, to lead a Saturday forum, or to offer our assistance in writing an offering of letters during Lent or any time of the year.

Blessings to you and your congregation in this season of Epiphany!

The ELCA Foundation selected Josephine Sunset Home's grant proposal to provide door-to-door transportation for their Adult Day program. The proposal requested funding for the purchase of a new bus and salary support over a three year period.

The grant proposal asked the ELCA Foundation for a total of \$70,000 from the Lutheran Services for the Elderly Endowment for the purchase of a 12 passenger wheelchair lift-equipped bus and to support the cost of a driver/attendant.

The bus will be used by the Adult Day program to provide transportation between the client's home and Josephine's facility. Lack of transportation to adult day services remains a critical barrier to adult day services in the north county areas.

Josephine is an intergenerational care community providing 160 beds in the skilled nursing facility, 57 assisted living units, and an adult day care program. Josephine also serves over 170 children and their families with an intergenerational child care center, an Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP is Washington State's equivalent of the federal Head Start program), and a before- and after-school care program. Josephine also operates Care Team Ministry, a free program that helps churches and other civic organizations respond to the needs of home caregivers and homebound individuals.

The celebration of Lent and Easter within the church is a time for inward reflection and spiritual renewal. The Lenten season offers you and your congregation the chance to praise and thank God for all He has given us and to ask for reconciliation for any wrongdoings.

Augsburg Fortress has three beautifully-written devotional books that will help you devote time every day to prayer during Lent. Use these books to help turn inward for spiritual reflection and renewal.

- ♦ *Journeying Through Lent with Mark: Daily Meditations* by Gregory Weyrauch; 0806639504; \$5.99
- ♦ *Places Along the Way: Pocket Devotions for Lent* by Dr. Martin E. Marty; 0806651806; \$1.50
- ♦ *Look for the Light: Devotions for Lent* by ELCA Bishop Stephen Bouman; 0806652608; \$1.50
- ♦ *I Is for Jesus—An Easter Alphabet and Activity Book* by Debbie Trafton O'Neal (wife of Rev. John O'Neal, pastor at Grace in Des Moines); illustrated by Jan Bryan-Hunt; 0806651237; \$10.99
- ♦ *Preaching Mark* by Bonnie Bowman Thurston; 0800634284; \$18

Josephine Receives Grant

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Getting Ready for Lent and Easter

Leadership Support Seminar

Biblical scholar Rob Wall and pastoral leader Tony Robinson, authors of the soon-to-be-released book *Called to Be Church*, will keynote a seminar sponsored by the Synod's Leadership Support Committee to be held Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Lynnwood Convention Center. This all day event is for various church leaders: clergy, administrators, office staff, musicians, youth workers, AIMS, etc., and will emphasize team work, and cross-affinity interests.

Robinson and Wall will address the vexing issues that confronted the church of scripture and the church of today - issues such as conflict resolution, pluralism, sexuality, money, church and state, the role of the Holy Spirit, and more - and will explore the role of team leadership in such a context. Workshops and break out sessions will cover a variety of topics of interest to all church professionals.

The cost will be \$45 per person. Congregations are encouraged to send their professional staffs. Further information and registration material is forthcoming.

Trading Graces

Lutheran Community Services (LCS) is partnering with Lutheran Services in America (LSA) and eBay to put on the first annual *Trading Graces* Online Auction. Approximately 100 Lutheran agencies are taking part in this groundbreaking nationwide event to raise funds for, and the visibility of, Lutheran social and healthcare ministries across the U.S. The auction is scheduled for February 26 through March 8, 2006, but we are now accepting donations for the event. Items we are interested in securing include: antiques, artwork & jewelry; "experiences" (scuba diving, fishing trips, etc.); restaurant & retailer gift certificates, sports memorabilia & concert/event tickets; travel/airline hotel packages, use of vacation homes or resort/time share properties. Before you send us donated items, please call Mary Mills (206-694-5702) or Shawn Corkery (206-694-5705).

An Epiphany In The Emerald City

An Epiphany in the Emerald City

Sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

Region IV Conference, July 7-10, 2006

(Region IV includes 12 states and 3 provinces)

To be held at Seattle University with a day trip to Whidbey Island
Conference designed for Pastors and Musicians
focusing on the Epiphany Season, Cycle C
more information at www.alcm.org Region IV link

I forgot my picture ID. In fact, I didn't bring any ID. I did have my business card: Carol Moore Warren, photography.

Let's face it. I just had too much to carry. The cardboard box filled with clippings of holly and berries from my tree put me over the edge. At the last minute I decided not to take my purse. "I'll just slip this Christmas \$20 from my mother-in-law in my coin purse and put it into my knitting bag. I don't wear lipstick. What else could I need? The phone rings.

It's a reasonable morning, we don't need to get to the airport until 10 a.m. We had printed our boarding passes at home from the web. We get in the security line and "Oh, #@%&!" I have no ID. Bill stares at me and says, "I guess we have to go home." I step up to the challenge. "I don't have any ID," I tell the young Hispanic TSA women. "You'll need a special boarding pass then. Return to the ticket counter."

"I don't have any ID," I tell the 40 something black guy with the tie who is behind the counter. He prints me out another boarding pass and tells me to return to the security line bypass. Bill heads for the regular security line which is about two miles long.

I'm directed to a small holding pen. I'm there behind those black web ribbons with another woman half my age. After a few minutes a scruffy looking black guy is let into our pen. The woman looks at me and says, "Are you an American Citizen?" "Yes, I respond." The black guy says, "Sports metal; I wrecked my ankle." The young Asian woman remains silent.

They run my luggage through the x-ray machine three times. They swab my various carry-ons with flannel squares. I raise my arms like Christ on the cross. I'm patted down. I must step forward with one leg as they waive the sensor wand along my thighs, they apologize. I make it to the gate just as Bill gets through the regular security line.

It's a white Christmas, or should I say a white privilege.

The way home is a little trickier. I tell the young white guy with the tie behind the counter I have no ID. "How did you get out of Seattle?" he asks. I say nothing. "They shouldn't have let you travel with no ID." I say nothing. "How did you get out of Seattle?" he asks again. "They gave me a different boarding pass to present to security." "They shouldn't have done that." I say nothing. Bill says, "I have my ID and boarding pass issued for the same flight." The young guy looks up and sees a rather distinguished grey haired white gentleman with a tie standing next to me in line, he presumes it is my husband. He prints me the pass and I take it to security. But this time I'm not sure if white privilege was enough. I think I got through because of white male privilege. It didn't feel as good. No white Christmas for sure. We were on our way to Tucson. It didn't snow.

My White Christmas 2005

**by Carol Warren
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Anti-Racism
Committee**

Update ELCA Board of Pensions

- **Take The Health Risk Assessment**—The annual Mayo Clinic Health Risk Assessment will be available Jan. 1 through Feb. 28. To prepare for this health and wellness opportunity, ELCA rostered leaders, churchworkers, seminarians and family members should locate recent cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure numbers and register at the ELCA's wellness web site, www.elcaforwellness.org. (Those who have previously registered can visit the site to request a user name or password reminder.) Also, receive a free copy of book, "Stretch and Pray: A Daily Discipline for Physical and Spiritual Wellness" by Bishop Murray D. Finck of the Pacifica Synod. To get started, log in today at www.elcaforwellness.org.
- **Enhance Your Retirement Savings**—Saving a little today will grow into a sizable amount in the future. Learn how making your own member pretax contributions to your ELCA retirement account will enhance your retirement savings at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/your_pretax_contributions.asp.
- **2006 Plan Changes**—The Board of Pensions is committed to maintaining the affordability of the ELCA health plan and encouraging health and wellness. For a summary of 2006 health plan and prescription drug changes see www.elcabop.org/news_events/plan_changes/
- **Need a reference guide?** Our 2006 summary plan descriptions (SPDs) are available for you to view online or download at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/downloads
- **Reminder For ELCA Employers**—Remember, whenever there is a change in a member's pretax or housing equity contribution, a new "Contribution agreement" form needs to be completed and sent to the Board of Pensions. Timely reporting of this information helps us more accurately administer benefits. The "Contribution agreement" form is available to download at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/downloads (select Retirement plan).
- **Participating Annuity Bridge Fund-A Retirement Planning Tool**—Starting in January, members can move money from their ELCA account into the Participating Annuity Bridge Fund (PABF) at age 55 (or 30 years of service). This special balanced fund exists solely for investing money that will be annuitized. To read a case study showing how the PABF can be an important tool for creating retirement income, see www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/investment_education.

Youth and Family Ministry

The **2006 Partners for Nurture** event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. The day includes keynote sessions and over 30 workshops to choose from. Keynote speaker is Bishop Chris Boerger. More information at www.tlc.edu/partners.

Partners for Nurture

Vision Quest will be held from March 3-4. This is an overnight event for high school youth held at Trinity Lutheran College. This year's theme is *Graceland*, with Dave Ellingson as guest speaker. Nate Houge provides the music; Soul Intinction leads the worship. Bring your youth group for \$25 a person. For more information visit www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter; email cyfcenter@tlc.edu; or call 425-961-5544.

Vision Quest

Focus on Youth & Family Ministry: Service Learning—This event will be held from February 17-18 at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. This year's focus is on incorporating service learning in congregational youth ministry programs. Partnering with SALLT (see below), FOYM will provide adults with basic training in service learning and provide tools for practical application in congregations. This is an excellent event for youth workers, Christian educators, volunteers and pastors.

Service Learning

The popular May youth weekend retreats at Holden Village are now sponsored by Trinity Lutheran College, in partnership with Holden and local congregations. Enjoy speakers, workshops, music and (of course) the beauty of Holden Village. Download registration forms at www.tlc.edu.

2006 Holden Youth Weekends

Lutheran Youth of North Seattle (LYONS) seeks youth director. The LYONS Director provides the primary leadership for a cooperative congregational-based youth ministry. The successful candidate will have a call and passion for youth ministry, grounded in Lutheran theology; significant experience in youth ministry; and possess good communication skills. The Director will work in collaboration with the LYONS board and additional staff to create quality programming for youth in the ten LYONS churches. LYONS is offering a competitive salary and benefits package. For a full job description and information about LYONS, please see www.roaringlyons.org. Please submit resume and cover letter by Wednesday, Feb. 15, to the LYONS Call Committee, 1501 NW 90th Street, Seattle, WA 98117 or roaringlyons@earthlink.net.

Youth Director Position for LYONS

News and Notes

- **St. Stephen's in Shoreline** has voted to sell its property and continue its ministry as a *Church Without Walls*. St. Stephen's has several *hub* churches which meet in open community settings with the intent of reaching people presently unconnected with a faith community. For more information on this exciting ministry, please contact Pastor Eileen Hanson at ststephenslutheran@msn.com.
- **Supported by children of Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley, Pastor Dave Sorensen and member John Bavendam** embarked on an eight-day mission of mercy in New Orleans and Mississippi. While in New Orleans they were able to make contact with their sister congregation, Grace Lutheran. Grace Lutheran had been flooded with over eight-feet of water leaving the entire church building and furnishings ruined. To help the congregation, members at Bethlehem Lutheran in Renton and Shepherd of the Valley were able to give to Grace 100 LBWs and a new Pulpit Bible.
- **Gary Forbes, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at Alderwood Manor**, was named truck driver of the year by the Washington State Truck Drivers' Association and the Washington State Patrol. Congratulations Gary.
- The congregation at **Edmonds in Edmonds** has taken the Bible verse "A child shall lead them, Isaiah 11:6" and incorporated it into their worship service. Once a month, the children are full participants and leaders in worship.
- **Bethlehem in Marysville** held their annual Christmas musical not in their sanctuary, but at the Marysville-Pilchuck High School Auditorium. Why? Because the show had more than 30 actors, a dozen dancers and a 15-voice chorus. The musical, *Blessed*, was based on a book by Joneen Richards and Becky Bauer, with music and lyrics by Tom Frodsham. Joneen and Tom are members of Bethlehem. The musical tells the real life story of Mary.
- **Kendra Wilde, Queen Anne Lutheran Church member and a seminarian at Wartburg Theological Seminary**, was awarded a seminarian scholarship from Lutheran World Relief for their *Coffee with a Conscience*. The scholarship allows her to travel to Nicaragua to visit the people who produce the coffee sold through the Equal Exchange program.

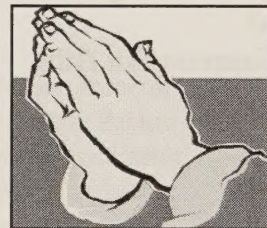
We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † **Rev. Ben Bretheim (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Chuck Davis**, Counseling Associates in Edmonds, and his wife Nancy
- † **Bishop Robert D. Hofstad**, Southwestern Washington Synod
- † **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.) and his wife Pat**
- † **Rev. Phil Petrasek**, pastor at Christ in Ferndale
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Ron Soine (ret.)**
- † **Sally Winkel**, wife of the Rev Robert Winkel

We pray for:

- † **Rev. John Ericksen** who has been diagnosed with early Alzheimer's. Please keep Pastor Ericksen and his wife, Marita, in your prayers as well as the members of the congregation of Prince of Peace in Everett.
- † The family of **The Rev. Dennis L. Anderson (ret.)** who died on December 14. A memorial service was held at Central in Bellingham. Cards may be sent to Rev Anderson's daughter and son-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, 9014 W John Day Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336. Peace to his memory.
- † The family of **The Rev. Roland G. Wuest (ret.)**, father of the Rev. Paul Wuest, died on December 18. He served 10 parishes during a span of over 45 years, including Genesee, Idaho; Nyssa, Oregon; Wilbur, Wash; Chico, Fullerton, and Salinas, Calif; Pasco, Anacortes, and Everett, Wash; then as interim pastor in Boise, Idaho. Cards may be sent to Roland's wife, Rose, at: Emerald Heights #2310; Redmond, Wash; 98052-7218. Peace to his memory.
- † **Rev. G. Lee Kluth, Trinity, Everett.** Lee's birth father, Keith Wiedenheft, died on January 4. Pastor Lee and Pam travelled to Ruppert, Idaho, to attend the funeral. Peace to his memory.
- † **Rev. Pastor Brian Beistel**, Luther Memorial in Seattle. Pastor Beistel's mother, Mildred Beistel, died on January 7. Mildred was 94 years old. Pastor Beistel was already mourning the loss of good friend, Randy McLeod, who died of cancer on December 30.
- † **Rev. Vern Hunt (ret.)** and working with Maritime Ministries and as a Visitation Ministry, underwent surgery at January 9. Cards can be sent to his home: 16756 39th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98155-5604.
- † **Rev. Holle Plaehn (ret.)** was recently hospitalized at St Joseph Hospital in Tacoma with pneumonia and fluid on his heart.
- † **The Rev. Lou Gabrielsen (ret.) and his wife Dee** as they continue to recuperate from a car accident.

Within Our Family



To Keep In Our Prayers...

Director of Children's Ministry at Sammamish Hills

Position is Full-time, benefits include medical/dental, vacation, continuing education, holidays. Provides overall leadership for Christian education for infants through 5th grade. Works in concert with staff, lay leadership, and members to ensure effective and safe ministries in the areas of Sunday morning education, summer programs, and special events. Two years experience leading and directing children's education and/or activities required. Associate's Degree (A.A.) in education from a two-year college or an additional two years of experience leading and directing children's education and/or activities also required. Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) in education or equivalent preferred. Application and Position Description available at www.shlc.org, or email mjones@shlc.org.

Director of Feeding Program

Community Lunch on Capitol Hill seeks experienced director for twice weekly feeding program for homeless and low income guests. Successful candidate will have strong communicating skills, grant writing and fund raising experience. Experience working with the target population and volunteer management experience desirable. Position is half-time. Competitive salary and a pro-rated benefits package. Send resume and cover letter to pastor@loveiscentral.org. More information at www.loveiscentral.org.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Susan Hookham	St. John's, Bellingham	1/29/2006
Gretchen Weller	St. Matthew, Renton	2/19/2006
Death		
Dennis L. Anderson	Bellingham, Wash	12/14/2005
Roland G. Wuest	Redmond, Wash	12/18/2005
Installations		
Susan Hookham	St. John's, Bellingham	1/29/2006
William Sappington	Sammamish Hills, Sammamish	12/11/2005
Occasions		
Decommissioning Building	St. Stephen's, Shoreline	1/8/2006
Ordinations/Commissionings		
Susan Hookham	Immanuel, Everson	1/15/2006
Dorcas Wang	Queen Anne, Seattle	1/15/2006
Resignation		
John M. Ericksen	Prince of Peace, Everett	1/1/2006
Retirement		
Joanne Pearson	Zion, Custer	12/1/2005

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

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Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bainbridge Island, Bethany	A/SP	P	Marty Dasler, Lead Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	I	Maynard Atik, Interim
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	I	John Olson, Interim
Bellingham, St. John	PR	C	Supply
Burien, Glendale	PR	I	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Camano, Camano Island	PR	I	Chris Anderson, Interim
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	TR	Katheryn Schlechter and Linda Nou, Interim Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Everett, Prince of Peace	PR	NV	Supply
Lynden, Hope	PR	TR	Jean Barrington, Interim
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	I	Supply
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Larry Thompson, Supply
Redmond, Faith	PR	TR	Paul Wuest, Interim
Renton, St. Matthew	A	C	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	NV	Karen L. Hanson, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	P	Supply
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Stanwood, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	Mike Swain, Interim
Woodenville, Wooden Cross	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
 A = Associate
 AIM = Associate in Ministry
 DM = Diaconal Minister
 A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
 C = Calling
 NV = New Vacancy
 V = Vacancy
 SC = Synod Call
 TR = Transition process
 P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
 TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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